Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

In Eight Years, There's Never Been a Hearing on the Bill to Dismantle Our State and Local Food Safety Laws

VOTE NO

On

H.R. 4167, the National Uniformity for Food Act

March 3, 2006

Dear Colleague:

You may have been told that H.R. 4167 – a bill to preempt hundreds of state and local food safety laws – was thoroughly vetted in the Energy and Commerce Committee before being scheduled for floor debate. We want you to know the legislative history of this radical legislation.

105th Congress – No hearings held in either the House or the Senate

H.R. 4383, "National Uniformity for Food Act of 1998," introduced on August 3, 1998 by Rep. Richard Burr.

S. 2356, "National Uniformity for Food Act of 1998," introduced on July 27, 1998 by Sen. Pat Roberts.

106th Congress – No hearings held in either the House or the Senate

H.R. 2129, "National Uniformity for Food Act of 1999," introduced on June 10, 1999 by Rep. Richard Burr.

S. 1155, "National Uniformity for Food Act of 1999," introduced on May 27, 1999 by Sen. Pat Roberts.

107th Congress – No hearings held in either the House or the Senate

H.R. 2649, "National Uniformity for Food Act of 2001," introduced on July 26, 2001 by Rep. Richard Burr.

108th Congress – No hearings held in either the House or the Senate

H.R. 2699, "National Uniformity for Food Act of 2003" introduced on July 10, 2003 by Rep. Richard Burr.

109th Congress – No hearings held in either the House or the Senate

H.R. 4167, "National Uniformity for Food Act of 2005" introduced on October 27, 2005 by Rep. Mike Rogers.

Bringing such controversial legislation to the House floor without holding a hearing is an inexcusable breach of process. We urge you to join us in voting against this dangerous legislation.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress